



Rampart Reservoir

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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General Information: Rampart Reservoir is a 440 acre reservoir that offers good fishing for rainbow, brown and lake trout. Anglers should be aware that mandatory boat inspections are currently in place. For more information visit the US Forest Service [website](#) or call the Pikes Peak Ranger District at 719-636-1602

Location: El Paso County. From Woodland Park, go 4.22 miles east on Rampart Range Road; then 1 mile north on Forest Service Road 306.

Recreational Management: US Forest Service and Colorado Springs Utilities.

Amenities

- Boat Ramp
- Picnic Areas
- Camping
- Restrooms
- Hiking Trails
- Wildlife Viewing
- Walk in access allowed from Rainbow Gulch trailhead.

Regulations

- Bag and possession limit for Lake Trout is 2.
- Ice Fishing Prohibited

WARNING!!!
Prevent the Spread of Zebra Mussels and other Aquatic Nuisance Species! Clean, drain, and dry your boat after each use. Rampart Reservoir requires mandatory inspections before launching.

Previous Stocking

2019

Rainbow Trout
 Brown Trout
 Cutbow Trout
 Tiger Trout
 Kokanee

2018

Rainbow Trout
 Brown Trout
 Cutbow Trout
 Snake River Cutthroat Trout
 Splake

2017

Rainbow Trout
 Brown Trout
 Tiger Muskie

2016

Rainbow Trout
 Brown Trout

2015

Rainbow Trout
 Cutbow Trout
 Snake River Cutthroat Trout
 Brown Trout

Sportfishing Notes

The water level in this reservoir can drop drastically during the summer months when household water demand is highest.

Rainbow Trout

Fishing for rainbow trout is usually good to excellent when the lake is recently stocked. Check the CPW stocking report for up to date information about stocking of catchable rainbow trout.

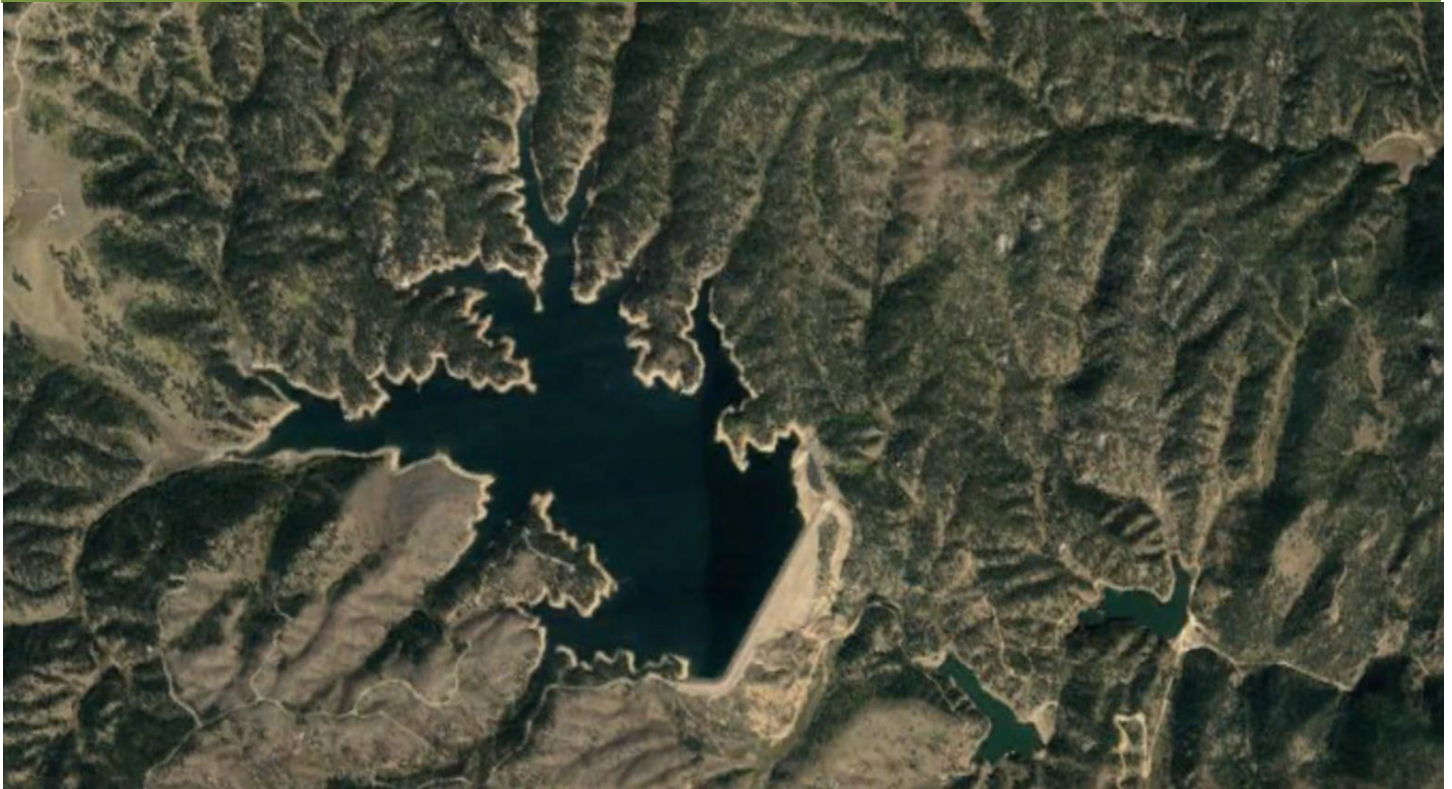
Lake Trout

Small numbers of trophy sized lake trout are present in the reservoir. Larger numbers of medium sized lake trout are also present, most in the 14 to 16 inch sizes. Lake trout are not able to reproduce in the lake and they are no longer available to stock. Catch and release fishing for lake trout is encouraged.

Brown Trout

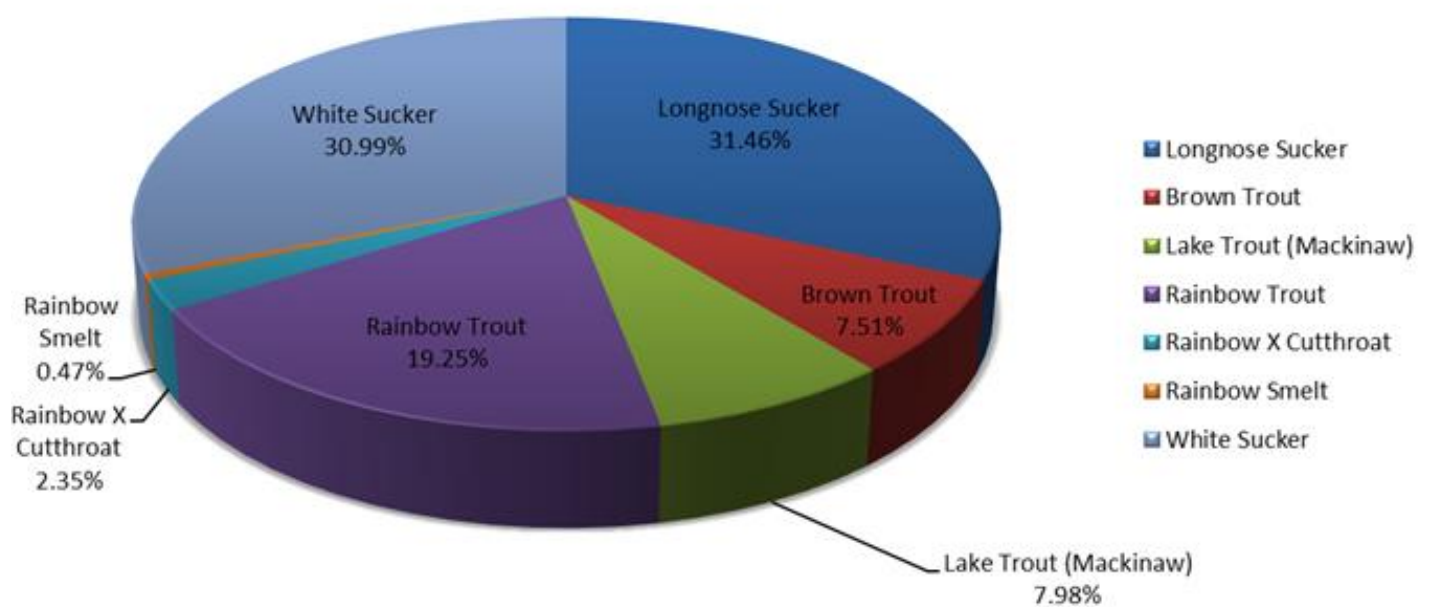
Relatively small numbers of brown trout are stocked annually. Larger sized brown trout can be found in the lake, but are relatively rare to catch.

Rampart Reservoir and Nichols Reservoir



October 2019 Gillnet Species Composition

2019 Rampart Reservoir

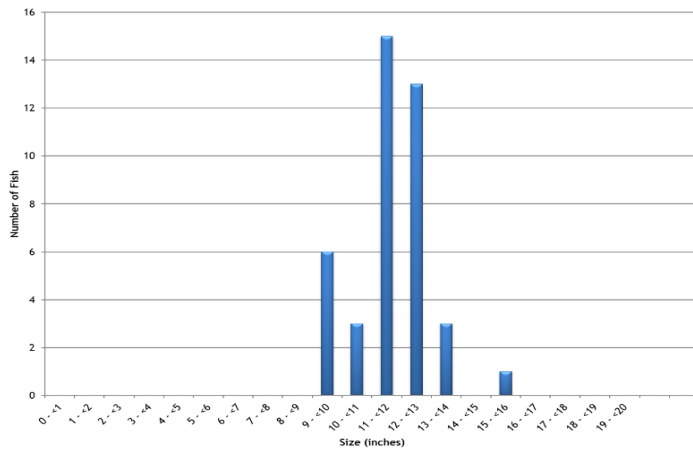


October 2019 Length Frequency Table

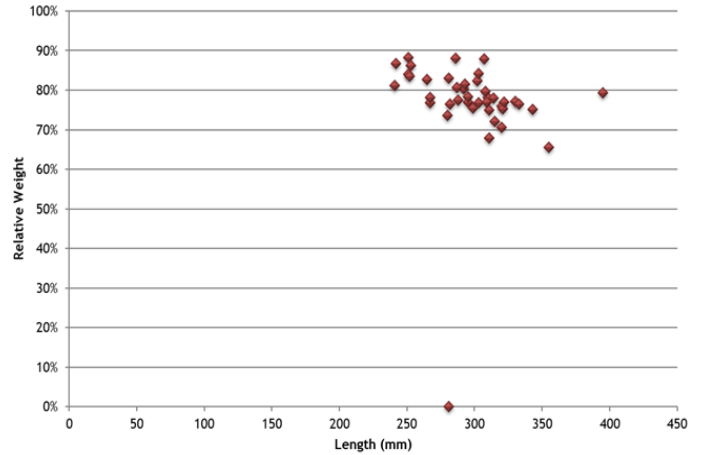
| Inches | <4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27+ |
|-----------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Longnose Sucker | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 23 | 21 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brown Trout | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lake Trout | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rainbow Trout | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cutbow Trout | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rainbow Smelt | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| White Sucker | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 14 | 21 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Centimeters | <10 | 10 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 20 | 23 | 25 | 28 | 30 | 33 | 35 | 38 | 40 | 43 | 45 | 48 | 50 | 53 | 55 | 58 | 60 | 63 | 65 | 68+ |

October 2019 Rainbow and Cutbow Trout

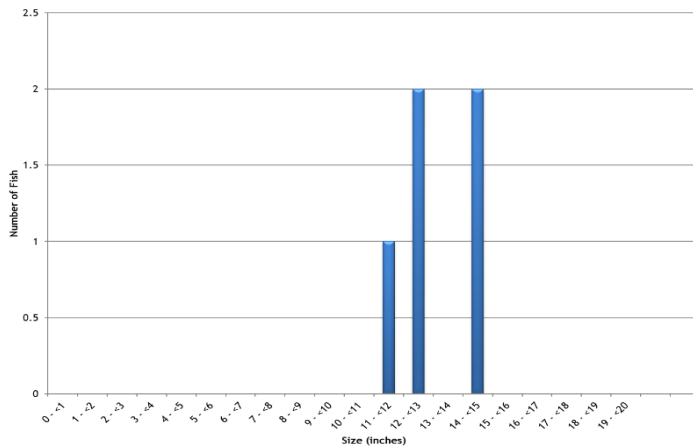
2019 Rampart Reservoir
Rainbow Trout Length Frequency



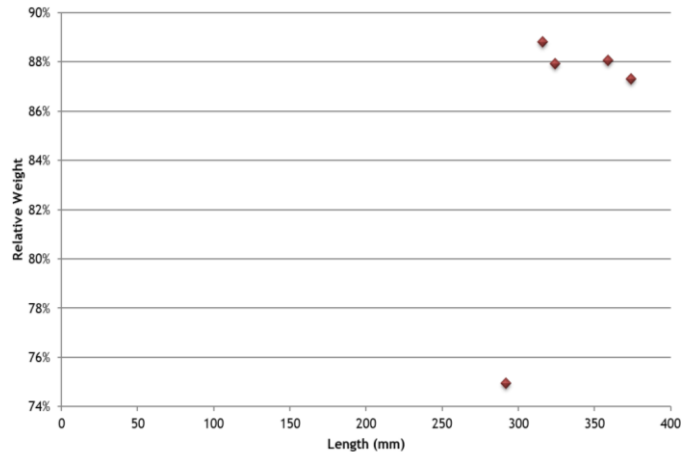
2019 Rampart Reservoir
Rainbow Trout Relative Weights



2019 Rampart Reservoir
Rainbow X Cutthroat Length Frequency



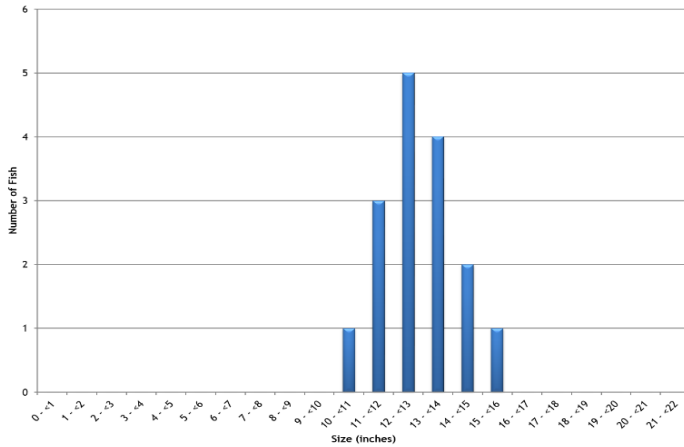
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Rainbow X Cutthroat Relative Weights



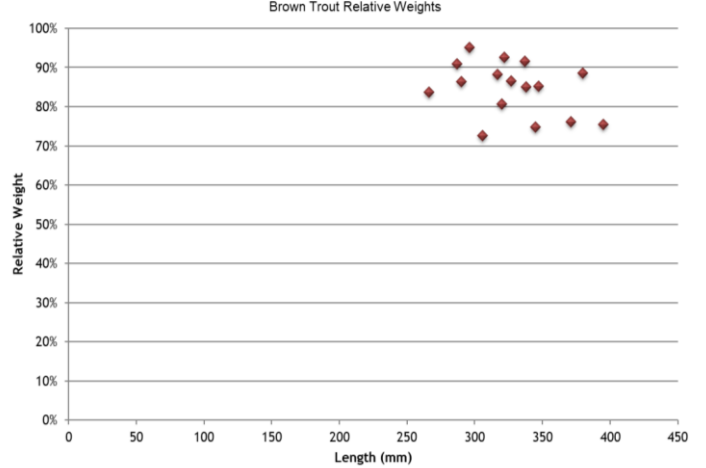
Rainbow trout and cutbow trout are stocked interchangeably for the put and take coldwater fishery at Rampart Reservoir. These plants usually lead to very good fishing for a few weeks following each stocking. Both varieties are stocked into the reservoir at approximately 10 inches in length and the majority of those caught will be within 1 inch of that size. There are some larger rainbow and cutbow trout that can exceed 15 inches, but generally there are not a great deal of them larger than that. The relative weights show many are below average in weight for their length, which is probably keeping very many from surviving over the winter.

October 2019 Brown Trout

2019 Rampart Reservoir
Brown Trout Length Frequency



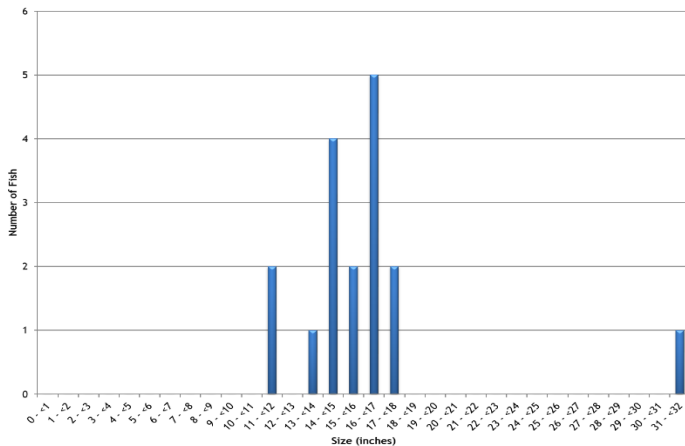
2019 Rampart Reservoir
Brown Trout Relative Weights



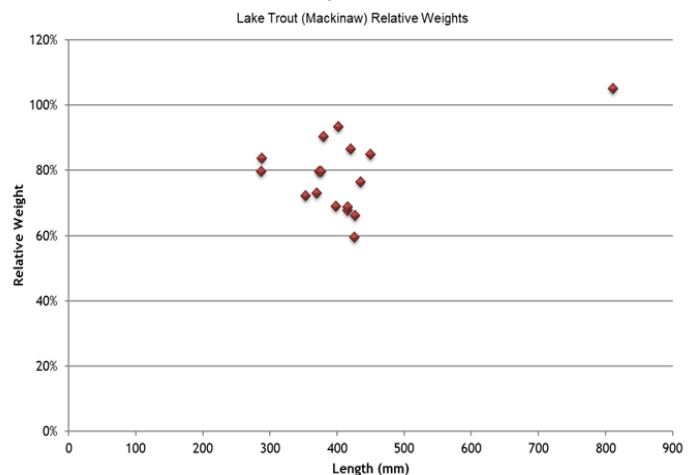
Brown trout have been stocked into Rampart Reservoir nearly every year since 1995. They are currently being stocked at subcatchable sizes, typically less than 3 inches long. These are not usually stocked in excessively large numbers and make up a relatively small component of the fishery at Rampart Reservoir. Most in catchable sizes are between 11 and 14 inches with a few over 15 inches.

October 2019 Lake Trout

2019 Rampart Reservoir
Lake Trout (Mackinaw) Length Frequency



2019 Rampart Reservoir
Lake Trout (Mackinaw) Relative Weights



Lake trout have not been available for stocking in Colorado since 2009. Small lake trout are not being captured in great numbers, which probably means that they are not reproducing naturally in the reservoir. While these are a valuable addition to the fishery, they will eventually disappear without continuous stocking. For anglers that know how to target this fish in deep water, there can be some very lively action on medium-sized fish as well as the occasional lake trout exceeding 30 inches. Because lake trout are not available for stocking and appear to be unable to reproduce naturally in the lake, we encourage anglers to practice catch and release when fishing for them.